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## Nominations Open

### Engineering

Nominations for the Engineering Undergraduate Society are hereby called for the offices of:

1. President, nominated in his fourth year to hold office in his fifth year.
2. First Vice-President, in his fourth year.
3. Second Vice-President, in his fourth year.
4. Secretary, in his third year.
5. Athletic Representative, in any year.

Nominations for President must be signed by fifty regular undergraduates in Engineering.

All other nominations must be signed by twenty-five regular undergraduates in Engineering.

Nomination sheets must be signed by the nominee and handed in to George Hamilton by 2 pm, on March 1.

C. R. Bradley,  
Publicity, E. U. S.

### Commerce

Nominations for the Commerce Undergraduate Society are hereby called for the following offices:

- 1) President (male) nominated in his third year to hold office in his fourth year.
- 2) Vice-President (male) in his second year.
- 3) Secretary (female), in her first year.
- 4) Treasurer (male) in his third year.
- 5) Athletics Representative (male) in his second year.

Nominations are to be in writing and each one is to be signed by twenty-five regular undergraduates in the school of Commerce.

The nominations must be handed in to George, at the Union Tuckshop by Thursday, March 1, at 5 pm.

Elections will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 1956.

Peter Monk,  
Electoral Officer, C.U.S.

## 1956 Athlone Awards Are Announced THREE TO MCGILL

Three McGill Engineering students have been awarded this year's Athlone fellowships, which enable young Canadian Engineering students to study for two years in England. The winners, all in their final year in Engineering, are M. D. Lefcort, W. T. Perks, and W. M. Wonham.

The fellowships, awarded by the United Kingdom government, are given each year to thirty-eight Canadian engineering students, five of them from Montreal. Two students from the University of Montreal, Pierre Thivierge and Maurice Houle, are also recipients of the fellowships.

Malcolm Lefcort attended Westmount High School and is now enrolled in Mechanical Engineering. He has held the rank of University Scholar since entering the faculty, and in 1955 was awarded a California Standard Company scholarship. Mr. Lefcort will spend the first year of his fellowship with the English Electric Company.



W. T. Perks

M. D. Lefcort

W. M. Wonham

Bill Perks attended the High School of Montreal and is now taking Civil Engineering. He holds the Hewitt Equipment, Ltd., scholarship, and intends to devote his two years to the study of municipal engineering and town planning.

Walter Wonham attended Lower Canada College and is now taking Engineering Physics. He has held the rank of University Scholar, and in 1955 was awarded the Adolph S. Ochs scholarship.

Mr. Wonham plans to do two years of postgraduate study in control and information theory at Cambridge.

## MONTREAL UN BRANCH TO PRESENT FORUM

"The World We Want", the youth forum being presented by the Montreal branch of the United Nations Association, will be held this Sunday at 8:30 pm in the St. James United Church on St. Catherine St. The forum, which is co-sponsored by the Montreal Branch and the McGill United Nations Club, will take place after the completion of the Sunday evening services.

Eleven students from Montreal universities will take part in the forum, representing various committees, regions, and cultural groups. Professor Maxwell Cohen, Professor of International Law at McGill and member of the National Executive of the United Nations Association, will act as moderator.

erator.

Nations and groups represented include Africa, China, Eastern Islamic Culture, Hebrew Culture, India, Japan, Middle East, North America, Slavic Countries, Western Europe, and Venezuela. In addition, forty other international students from McGill, U. of M., and Sir George will participate in the second phase of the panel, dressed in their national costume and flanked by the flags of the United Nations.

Mr. C. C. Jones, President of the Montreal Branch of the United Nations Association, will chair the meeting. David Franklin, President of the McGill United Nations Club, will introduce the panel.

## NARCOTICS FORUM IN UNION TONIGHT

International control of drug traffic, narcotic addiction among teen-agers, the nature of addiction and drugs will be among the topics covered by a panel of experts at tonight's United Nations Club Forum. The meeting will take place at 8 pm in the Union Ballroom.

Dr. K. I. Melville, Chairman of the Department of Pharmacology

will explain the nature of narcotic drugs. The psychological angle will be presented by Mr. Stephen Glickman, lecturer in psychology and former research assistant in electroencephalograph studies on the influence of drugs. An Oxford graduate, Jim Hugessen, B. C. L. 2 shall discuss the legal aspects of the narcotics trade.

Relation between crime and addiction, the effect of narcotics on modern society, the history of drug usage, the job of the Economic and Social Council of the UN in restricting and controlling the narcotics trade, the pros and cons for legalizing drugs in Canada, and several other angles are to be considered.

## USSR Ambassador To Speak

His Excellency, Dmitri Chuvahin, Ambassador of the USSR to Canada, will speak at McGill on Friday, March 2. The subject of his talk will be "Higher Education in the Soviet Union and Moscow State University".

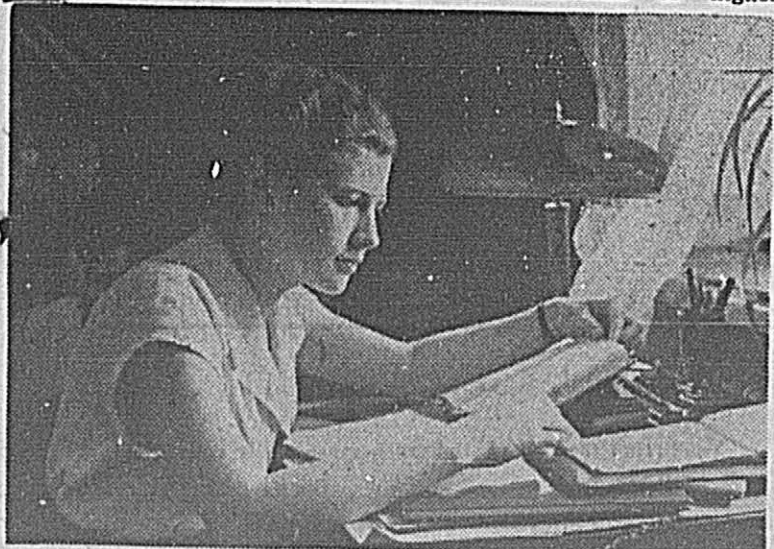
There are thirty universities in Russia and hundreds more colleges and institutions of higher

training. Moscow University itself is thirty-two storey tower with twenty-storey wings and thirty other buildings contained on 1,100 acres of land. This university, with a teaching staff of two thousand accommodates about 22,000 undergraduate and 2,000 graduate students.

Mr. Chuvahin will discuss education in these institutions and will illustrate his talk with a film.

The talk is being sponsored by the McGill committee of the World University Services of Canada.

WUSC has two main purposes; (1) to provide student aid and (2) encourage mutual understanding among students in an effort to express the international desire to rise above differences of race, religion and political persuasion. Because of this latter purpose WUSC decided to sponsor this talk.



Svetlana Velikanova, a first year student at Moscow State University, is here shown at work in the students' hostel.

## Debating Team Visits New York On Tour

The Debating Union is sending two of the campus' top speakers on a New York tour this weekend. Jim Lotz, Ph.D. 1, and Brahm Eisenstat, B.C.I. 3, will be representing McGill in debates at both Columbia University and the City College of New York. The topic at both universities will be, "Resolved that the U.S. has passed from barbarism to decadence without achieving civilization"; the contest at CCNY is to be in the form of a public exhibition.

Jim Lotz received his B.A. of Manchester in 1952, and is at present doing graduate work at McGill in the field of geography. Although this is only Lotz's first year on the campus, he has made a name for himself in many fields.

He was represented among the winners in the Senior Trials, and graduate Studies in Interfaculty Debating; and writes as a member of the Daily Editorial Board.

Brahm Eisenstat was also acclaimed a winner in the Debating Union's Senior Trials. He was on the winning team in the Debating Interfaculty Competition last year, and served the year before as president of SCOPE.

### CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIONS

Candidates for election who wish to have their photos, platforms and pensketches published in the Daily please note the following conditions:

- 1) Candidates for President of the Students' Society may use a total of 350 words for their combined pensketch and platform; candidates for President of the Union, President of the Women's Union, and President of the MWSSA may use a total of 200 words; candidates for Member-at-large of the Women's Union, Secretary of the Women's Union and President of the Undergraduate Societies may use a total of 100 words.

**WARNING:** All words over the word limit will be deleted whether or not they occur in the middle of a sentence.

- 2) Entries must be signed by the candidate himself and by not more than SIX of his supporters with names legibly printed beside the signatures.

- 3) Photos should be glossy portraits of the candidate's head and shoulders. Snapshots will not produce good pictures.

- 4) Entries must be typewritten on one side of the paper only.

- 5) Entries should be addressed to the News Editor McGill Daily, and be handed in to George Foster at the Union Tuckshop not later than 5 pm on Wednesday, Feb. 29.

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## Editorial

## TRIBUTE DUE

Among the most maligned of public servants is the Montreal bus-driver. He is usually the single visible representative of a vast transportation system, and the recipient of all the wrath and scorn that the public likes to pour out against such enterprises. In most European countries, buses carry a conductor as well as driver. This provides one man who can devote his whole attention to collecting fares, ejecting drunks, answering queries and uttering that universal bus cry "Move to the Rear, Please."

On dark, wet nights, when loaded buses whiz by, or whilst holding acrobatically on to seats or rails in a crowded, lurching bus, it is a little difficult to think charitably of the M.T.C., and too easy to ascribe all the ills of the system to the individual driver.

Consider what driving a bus involves. To manouver a vehicle the size of a house in the traffic of this city of maniacal motorists is a feat to be envied. Yet how often are buses involved in collisions? In winter during rush hours, icy roads, low visibility, glaring lights are hazards which, if considered objectively, would almost preclude any sane person from ever entering a bus. In the hot fetid atmosphere of the bus's interior, the driver has not only to breathe in a germ-laden atmosphere, with people coughing down his neck, but he has also to attend to his multitudinous tasks — open the doors, control the passengers, issue tickets, make change, give instructions and directions in two languages, and also, of course, drive the bus. Add to this the running times of busses which involve odd working hours, and an unbiased view will show that the Montreal bus-drivers deserve admiration and sympathy, not silent scorn or vocal wrath. Should they ever quit in a body, it would be necessary to train the only animal naturally designed to do their job — the octopus.

## PULCHRITUDE OR PEDIGREE

With the owl-like solemnity which seems to mark so many absurd Communist statements, a German Communist Youth Newspaper has come out with the most unflattering statement of this year. Junge Welte (Young World) reports that "The popularity of Gina Lollobrigida is solely due to the fact that she comes from the people." Miss Lollobrigida's reaction to this piece of praise is not on record.

The statement underlies the basic divergence between the views of the West and those of the Communist bloc. There is something essentially democratic about the build and status of Miss Lollobrigida. It is to her, in part, that the men of the Western World refer when they express their willingness to die for the things they hold dear. In her ample charms and plush lines they see, in concrete form, the rich promise and fulfillment of the Western Way of Life.

To her they accord the fanatical devotion which the heads of states alone in the Communist countries command. While the Communist leaders are worshipped from afar with reverential awe, the essentially democratic approach of the western world to its idols is demonstrated by the frenzied scenes of enthusiasm that occur when such female movie stars as Miss Lollobrigida appear in public.

The wording of the statement is significant, Miss Lollobrigida's proletarian origin is the sole cause of her rise to fame. No part of her great beauty, and no consideration of her acting ability, has influenced her success — this is due entirely to her good fortune in being born among the working classes. The future of movies is indeed gloomy if Junge Welte's statement is true. We shall in future not assess an actress by her pulchritude, but by her pedigree. However, if this statement gains wide currency in Italy, that country may yet be the first one ever to have an entirely female communist party.



## Letters to the Editor

## Heard it All

Sir:

I've heard lot of remarks about the students meeting, and many of the remarks were to the effect that the whole thing was a disgrace, that the loss of quorum was due to loss of decorum. Perhaps the fine art of debating is being carried a bit too far. I thought I'd heard it all when a commerce student gets up, gives a lecture on American history, then assumes the mantle of a psychiatrist and condemns or labels Miss Lucy as "paranoid" without even examining her.

Perhaps also the machinery which rules anything irrelevant to the subject out of order wasn't functioning at this meeting. It did give a few people a chance to blow off steam, but didn't help any as far as the original purpose of the meeting is concerned. Man, . . . what next!!!!

Ron Fleishman.

## Alabamas Policy

Sir:

Re Arthur Brotman:

An attack on a fellow university student has brought the problem of racial prejudice and education to our attention. It is not a pretty problem, and one that cannot be fought without a great deal of feelings on both sides. The problem, as we have seen, is not a new one. It existed in the time of Lincoln and shall no doubt continue to exist for many years to come. The government of the United States is fully aware of the circumstances and has tried to ease the situation by forcing the public and high schools to open their doors to all.

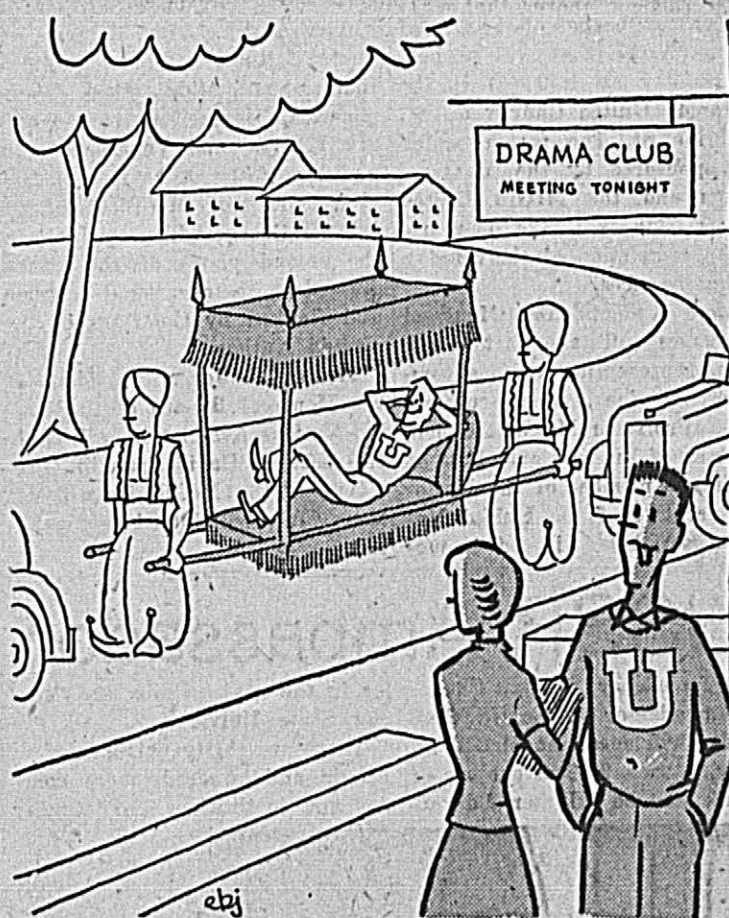
Now concerning Miss Lucy's individual problem. We all know the facts. The U. of Alabama accepted her as a student, but did not permit her to use the dorms or dining halls. The student body reacted violently and the governing board of the university asked her to leave — for her safety and the safety of others. Let us look for a moment at Miss Lucy herself. She went there, and has plainly stated the fact, for one reason only — to acquire an education. She wanted to harm no one, nor cause any bad feelings among her fellow students. Her stand, now that demonstration is

over, is still the same. Now let us turn around, and look at the stand the university has taken. I grant you they have admitted her to their student body, but with what stipulations? She was not allowed to use their dining halls nor their dorms. Think for a moment what that means. Or better let me put another question before you. Did you ever hear of a student being admitted to a university and denied the use

of its facilities? We here at McGill have Negro students who live in our dorms and eat with their classmates.

My point is this. I think the university officials precipitated the whole riot. Granted they didn't take an active part in the sordid affair, but they didn't want her to begin with and found a perfect out to ask her to leave. Mr. Brotman, and others, don't

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NEWS: Snookie, Neville, Marv Goldenberg, Gordie Wasserman, and Liz (She was no help though). FEATURES: The honoured guest, Jack Novick, Ruthie, Lee, Carl, Norm, Marvin, Bob, Ralph, Morrie, Mike, Neville, Archie (Off Key) Kashner, Columbia, Dolores, Florence, Arthur, Hy, and another Bob. SPORTS: Zavaloff, cares and I know, but I've forgotten, so sorry.



## NEWMAN CLUB TO SPONSOR MISSION-U.S. BISHOP SPEAKER

A Catholic Mission for students at McGill will open next Tuesday. Newman Club has announced that the Mission, which will take place Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, will begin at 1:05 pm on Tuesday in the Union Ballroom. Talks will be given at 1:05 pm on those three days. In addition, Mass will be offered Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 7:45 am at Newman House, 3484 Peel St., and Thursday in the Union following the 5 pm conference.

Most Reverend John J. Wright, D.D., Bishop of Worcester, Mass., will preach the Mission. Bishop

Wright is one of the foremost Catholic writers and lecturers in America today. His talks during the Mission will include such topics as the Catholic and the Intellectual, the Age of Mary, and the Call to Sanctity.

Mr. Tony Walsh, well known in Catholic circles in Montreal, will speak at the Communion Breakfast to be given at Newman Club this Sunday at 10 am. Mr. Walsh will speak about his work and experiences among the destitute men of Montreal. He founded the Benedict Labre House in 1950, where free meals and lodging are given to the unemployed and destitute.

## The Daily Reviews

### MONTREAL SYMPHONY

by Joyce Blond

Not having attended a concert by the Montreal Symphony for some time it was most gratifying to note the improvement which has taken place this year. The tone, quality and balance of the orchestra have made considerable headway, and, under the capable guidance of the young American conductor Thomas Schippers, we were given a most inspiring performance last Wednesday night.

It was especially satisfying to hear Mr. Schippers and the guest pianist Daniel Wayenberg as both these gentlemen, although already well known in different parts of the world, are extremely young. These artists stand as proof against the common charge that our generation is too spoiled and materialistic to produce anything besides mediocre talent grasping for monetary remuneration. Montrealers found these two young men sufficiently convincing to warrant a standing ovation after their performance of the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2. Mr. Wayenberg's warm, powerful tone helped compensate for a sometime un-

steady orchestra accompaniment, and one could not but admire the feeling and vigour that went into his playing of this well known work.

The programme opened with Schubert's tuneful "Overture to Alfonso und Estrella". Two interludes form Menotti's "The Island God" written in 1942 followed. This was a most happy choice as Mr. Schippers first attained public success by conducting this composer's "The Consul" in New York at the age of nineteen. He has since recorded "The Saint of Bleeker Street" and "Amahl and the Night Visitor". Small wonder that Menotti wanted no other conductor on the podium for his premier of "The Saint". For Schippers successfully brought out the pathos and tension which seem to underline all Menotti's works. His understanding and appreciation of the music resulted in an impressive performance which made one glad that this had been included on the programme.

Shostakovich, born in 1906, is a challenging man to tackle; but the second half of the concert was devoted to his First Symphony. He is an interesting composer who operates on the assumption that 'music cannot help having a political basis'. His music is fascinating. Mr. Schippers' enthusiasm for the work seemed to stimulate the orchestra into one of its finer performances. On the whole our orchestra acquitted itself well.

### Senator Wall To Be Guest Of Ukrainian Club

Senator William Michael Wall, B.A., B.Ed., will speak at a noonhour meeting of the Ukrainian Students' Club today in the Union Clubroom.

A native of Ethelbert, Manitoba and a graduate of the University of Manitoba, Senator Wall is active in the work of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee, which co-ordinates all Ukrainian activities in Canada. His professional affiliations include the Association of Secondary School Principals, the Ukrainian Veterans' Association, and the National Society for the Study of Education.

Senator Wall was a member of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations during the last session.

## Papineau Cup Prelims For Top Speaker To Be Held Tues.

The preliminaries for the Papineau-Talbot Cup, will be held in the Union Tuesday, February 28, from 1-3 pm. This Cup is the emblem of supremacy in public speaking at McGill, and is to be distinguished from awards given for Debating prowess. The topic will be announced Tuesday morning in the Daily; each contestant will be expected to speak on one side of the resolution for 8 to 10 minutes. Judges Dr. Slater of Divinity, Dr. Miller from the Philosophy Department and a junior member of the staff, will pick three finalists who are to compete in the finals March 2 and be judged by Dr. James.

The Debating Union would like to remind all speakers that this will be the last campus-wide oratorical contest this year.

## Dentist To Address Pre-Med Society

Dr. S. Yoffe, a prominent Montreal dentist, will be the guest speaker at a Pre-Med Society meeting today at 1 pm in Rm 250 of the Biology Building.

Dr. Yoffe is a graduate of McGill School of Dentistry, 1948. He is also an associate of the Mount Royal Dental Association, the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity, and the Endodonta Society. Dr. Yoffe has chosen as his topic, "The Effect of Dentistry, on Pregnancy and Childhood Development". All interested students are invited to attend.

## Folksingers At Union Tonight

The Montreal Jewish Youth Singers, a group of eleven folksingers, will be the guest artists at the Folk Music Group meeting tonight at 8:30 in the Union Clubroom.

The singers number five girls and six boys and are accompanied with banjo and guitar. They have been together for the last five years, appearing with such entertainers as Peter Seeger, Allan Moss, Leon Bibb and Howard D. Silva. Also, they have given shows in many parts of Canada including Massey Hall in Toronto. The group had their own concert last year and are shortly to appear for two nights at the Ridgcrest Theatre at the end of March. The Youth Singers have done much to stimulate interest in Folk Singing in Montreal.

## S.C.M. Sponsors Annual Dinner

The annual Japanese Dinner sponsored by the Students' Christian Movement will take place tonight starting at 7:00 pm. Famous oriental dishes are to be cooked and served by members of the Nisei Campus Club.

The event will feature an international flavour, with foreign students from several countries taking part. Tickets can be booked at the S.C.M. House or by phoning PL. 1156, and cost 70 cents.

## LOST

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## Film Classic To Be Shown Tonight

Birth of a Nation, D. W. Griffith's 1914 film masterpiece of the American Civil war is being shown this evening at 7:30 pm in the PSCA.

In its more than three hours of running time, the film has two distinct parts. The first dramatizes the War up to and including Lee's surrender and Lincoln's assassination; the second traces the exploitation of the newly emancipated Southern Negroes by Northern "carpet baggers" and political fanatics.

Made by Griffith in less than four months using only one camera, the film's immediate success was instrumental in lifting the motion picture out of social contempt. In spite of its anti-negro overtones (which have given it much notoriety) and its often exaggerated acting, the terror of the battle and Klu Klux Klan scenes has never been equaled. The film, complete with original background music, has grossed more than \$20,000,000 and been seen by a hundred million people.

Also on tonight's program is the 1903 movie, The Great Train Robbery.

## E.U.S. NOMINATIONS

Nominations are hereby called for the following officers of the Engineering Undergraduate Society of McGill University:

President  
First Vice-President  
Second Vice-President

Nominees for the above three positions must be presently in Engineering IV-M.

Secretary

Nominees for the above position must be presently in Engineering III-M.

ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE

Who may be a nominee from any year of Engineering.

Nominations for the President must be signed by at least 25 active members of the E.U.S. and for the other officers must be signed by at least 10 active members of the E.U.S.

All who sign must be in good standing in the E.U.S.

Nominees must be in good standing in the E.U.S.

Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Students' Council Office in the McGill Union or to Geo. Hamilton in the Engineering Bldg. Each nomination must be accepted and signed by the nominee.

Nominations close at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 1st.

Photographs, platforms and pen sketches must be submitted with the nomination to the Students' Council office or to Geo. Hamilton.

## Elections Wednesday, March 1st, 1956



# French Elite Fights Back

We are writing this article as an expression of French-Canadian nationalism, in order to work off some aggressive feelings we have towards a certain "Clash", author of the recent Daily article "French Inferiority Complex". We feel Mrs. Clash is a particularly inferior specimen as a historian, logician, political scientist, and social investigator.

Miss Clash's contention that the French-Canadians suffer from an inferiority is at variance with the most elementary scientific observations of human society. It is a fact, of course, that every society feels itself to be superior to all others, and that each individual in each society considers that he is a particularly fine specimen of his social type.

The French-Canadians do not feel inferior, nor have they ever. Lord Clash contends that New France was populated by riff raff, and that some feeling of riff-raffness persists, as feelings of inferiority, in present day French-Canada. We would agree that like all the North American colonies (except perhaps for the Spanish) New France was populated in part of the outset by proud and resilient riff-raff, in which one must include political and social non-conformists. New England riff-raff, we note from the Boston directories, tended to include more religious non-conformists.

The predominating religious orientation of New England might well explain its early backwardness in commercial activities. New France, of course, led New England for years in the fur trade. And of course it also explains the attitude of intolerance, conformity and economic conservatism which characterized the early Puritan settlements.

## Other Reasons For Inferiority

There are also implications in this charge that Mr. Clash finds some reason for this 'inferiority' outside of pure historical fact. He seems to subscribe to that atavistic and outdated theory of differing racial temperaments and intellectual ability. Again his science is at fault; there is strong evidence that there is no real difference in intellectual ability between peoples of different physical type. In Clash's statement of 'racial inadequacy' there are hints he works from the sort of assumptions which made Hitler's genocide acceptable to the German people.

Friend Clash's historical data is otherwise completely at variance with the facts. More than just riff-raff came to New France. As well as the entrepreneurs running the fur trade, there were, as old Clash admits, the Clash admits, the Clergy.

Where New England was forced to depend for intellectual and moral guidance on barely literate lay preachers, New France was and is fortunate in having continually a large, well educated Clergy, which has formed part of and continued to form the French-Canadian elite.

## Elite Still Here

It is equally incorrect that this elite left New France upon conquest. Such an assumption by Mrs. Dash seems based upon a feeling that English occupancy of New France was somewhat like the American's recent MacArthur dictatorship in Japan. In fact, in 1763 it was a gentleman's affair. Conquered territories were not razed; they were treated with

The surface of this unknown little attendant is the theatre of human history with all its tragedy and its comedy. But human history is itself only a fragment of the earth's own. For millions of years the earth cooled to a malted state, its gradually solidifying surface shaken by unimaginable convulsions. Mountains were upheaved, continents rose and vanished, continents which were only solid patches floating in a universal sea of molten rock. So the story went on: the gradual surface cooling, the rains that lasted for millenia, the first inexplicable emergence of life from its conditions. Evolution. The roll of ages: Jurassic, Devonian, Silurian, Ordovician, Carboniferous — each spanning millions of years. And all the while, the face of the earth continually changing. An ocean called Tethys, thousands of miles long, the western shore of which at one stage was where Montreal is now, existed for millions of years. Its only memorial is now the mid-Atlantic trench.

## Flux

The massive geological flux went on, and struggling upwards within it was the agony of evolution. The reptiles emerged temporarily as dominant life form, and maintained their supremacy for seventy-five million years. Think of the span of human history, and then think of that figure, and then think that all the great reptiles are now totally extinct. Man evolved, progressing from unreflecting bestiality to the personality of the first infra man who broke the rigid instinctive structure of his society and thus passed over from bestiality to self-consciousness, individuality, morality, and humanity, and began the cumulative inheritance of self-conscious experience that characterizes human history.

There, too, began the first dim glimmerings of civilization, for in the revolt against instinctive routine, routine became conscious and the dialectic of human purpose and desire waxed in intensity and clarity. Community and individuality became operative teams. The family, the tribe. The awe before natural phenomena, and the beginnings of religion. Fire, stone, bronze, iron. Then history as the dialectic of human purpose conditioned by inherited experience and natural necessity. The struggle to live. Ideas; the slow passage of rudimentary mathematics from high abstraction to common parlance. Abstraction and generalization. The first vague glimmerings of the idea of human freedom progressively exemplified

efficient to make French-Canadians feel inferior, the fact that the English Canadian are being equally exploited by British and Yankee capital would imply that they

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# HISTORY AND DARKNESS

by Mike Kinsman

When the imagination tries to grasp the emptiness and desolation of the universe, it recoils appalled before a terrifying immensity. The congregation of stars are huge burning centres of activity separated from one another by trillions of miles of wilderness. All that we can see are collected in one huge galaxy which is undistinguished among billions of galaxies. Our sun is a small star in such a galaxy, and our earth a minute attendant buzzing around its parent body at a distance which is gigantic, yet relative to stellar distances, negligible.

The surface of this unknown little attendant is the theatre of human history with all its tragedy and its comedy. But human history is itself only a fragment of the earth's own. For millions of years the earth cooled to a malted state, its gradually solidifying surface shaken by unimaginable convulsions. Mountains were upheaved, continents rose and vanished, continents which were only solid patches floating in a universal sea of molten rock. So the story went on: the gradual surface cooling, the rains that lasted for millenia, the first inexplicable emergence of life from its conditions. Evolution. The roll of ages: Jurassic, Devonian, Silurian, Ordovician, Carboniferous — each spanning millions of years. And all the while, the face of the earth continually changing. An ocean called Tethys, thousands of miles long, the western shore of which at one stage was where Montreal is now, existed for millions of years. Its only memorial is now the mid-Atlantic trench.

as triumphant fact. History not only as the intertwining, mutually conditioning ideas, needs, and purposes of nations and of men, but as the Life and Growth of Man.

## Darkness

But all the while the abiding darkness of the Outside, and Man's attempts to place God there. Human life is like a firefly of warmth, glowing in a remote corner of an immense black vault. Find it, peer at it through a microscope, and you would see love and hate, wisdom and folly, heroism and cowardice, right and wrong. Kill the firefly, and these things vanish into mindless futility.

But today is not the end. The great evolution goes on. The great shifting of continents goes on. North America has been submerged and will be again. Ice will ravage down again over our continents. New York will be dug up by archaeological students on summer survey trips. Jet planes will become strange artifacts in museums. Man will spread to other planets carrying his good and evil, politics and science, religion, art, and demagoguery with him.

## Tomorrow!

One day, unimaginable millenia hence, the earth will roll her charred and lifeless body back into the inferno of the sun. She will pass unnoticed in a momentary veil of flame. What then, of man? Will he be watching, sorrowful from elsewhere? Or will he have been long extinct, as extinct as the reptiles? In the species, like the individual, necessarily mortal, and will we, having filled our allotted years, as the reptiles did their seventy-five million and the trilobites their one hundred and twenty million, perish to give way to a new dominant species, some unimaginably complex organism, which will rear its alien civilization on rock strata bearing the ashes of our own? Of will evolution spread with Man over the universe? Will he coalesce or differentiate?

## Silence

Come what may, this flicker, and finally all flickers, must wink out, and give over to the silence of a mindless eternity. But even if history is tragedy, its purposes still grow within it, and our comradeship is historically extended to past man from whom we inherited our present, and to future man to whom we transmit the past, modified by ourselves within which he will modify, create, and destroy.

When one has this picture, bills of rights, wars, kings, religions, and parliaments are not things to be memorized by rote. A child can understand history. The human past is not something remote and irrelevant, but near and real. And this kind of history, one wants to learn, and thus learns, and, in learning, learns to learn.

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Economic History  
Miss Flash's knowledge of the economic history of New France is equally hazy. She speaks of the agricultural bias of New France; in fact, in 1721 well over one half of the population lived in three cities, Montreal, Quebec and Three Rivers. She speaks of economic stagnation; in fact, New France led the race for furs in the early days, and in the early 19th century, French-Canadian entrepreneurs were building the largest ocean going vessels in the world.

Mrs. Trash is obviously unaware, when she speaks of semi-feudal stagnation in Quebec 'before the end of the nineteenth century' that it was at exactly this time that the French-Canadian conquered New England. Between 1860 and 1870, enough of New England to contain over 250,000 French-Canadians was lost to Canada. Two million French-Canadians have — rather than slumbering — moved in to take over whole towns in Maine, New Hampshire and other eastern states.

## English Also Have Complex

If industrialization has disrupted some stable picture, one wonders when this might have happened. If the fact of being exploited by foreign capital is suf-



# DEAD ON ARRIVAL



This woman died, waiting for an ambulance. She was hit by a Beaubien Bus at the corner of Park Ave. and Bernard. When the ambulance arrived 1 hour later she was dead.

## A CITIZENS' RIGHT

Over fifty per cent of the hospitals in Montreal do not have an ambulance on the premises. Most hospitals have their ambulance supplied to them by a servicer, and the ambulance is kept in the servicer's garage. When there is an accident, precious time is wasted, by having the ambulances drive first to the hospital and then to the scene of the occurrence; many people who require immediate treatment sometimes wait in the streets for long periods of time before any help arrives.

As if this were not sufficient, there is a second, and even more important reason for delay. Before an ambulance can be called, the police must be informed, and they must investigate the accident. It was police delay that was responsible for the woman's death in a recent accident on Hutchison Street. The woman was dead by the time the car reached the hospital.

### Some Improvement

There has been a certain amount of improvement over the past few years, but the situation is still quite drastic. Hospital directors have offered many reasons for the present system, but none seem to be sufficient to offset the danger of death. The hospital officials say that if all ambulance calls were accepted, more than one hospital might be contacted; an ambulance might be called when none was necessary; or someone might be playing practical joke.

Many citizens feel, however, that it is better to save a life, and waste the occasional ambulance call, than to wait for the car, the police, and pray that the patient survives.

### M.L.A. Questioned

In connection with this problem Mr. Dave Rochon, M.L.A., was approached and questioned. Mr. Rochon, who led the fight for an improved ambulance service in Montreal, offered several suggested improvements.

He proposed that the ambulance system be set up along the lines of the fire control system which now prevails. There would be a centralized organization, and call boxes strategically placed throughout the city. The central body would receive all calls. It would know exactly how many ambulances there are in each hospital at all times, and how many are out on call. In the case of an emergency call, it could immediately contact the closest hospital with available ambulances, and at the same time inform the police department, so that both parties would arrive at the scene in a very short time. Mr. Rochon says that it is not necessary for the police to arrive first, and points out that in the case of a fire, the police are not contacted in order to learn whether there really is a fire or not.

### Assurance

There would be a considerable cost in establishing such a set-up, but citizens could have the assurance that in the case of an accident, they would be well taken care of.

There will always be irresponsible people who send in false alarms, but this is no reason for endangering the lives of people. A city must protect its citizens to the fullest possible degree, and until a centralized body is established, their will always be needless deaths because of inefficiency and delay.

### Montreal Star

January 6, 1956.

Sir:

I was present at the scene of an accident at the corner of Hutchison and Bernard on Tuesday afternoon Jan. 3, at 2:30 pm in which a woman was struck by a car and badly injured and left lying on the cold pavement for

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### Recommendations

The seriousness of the ambulance situation in Montreal was recognized by the Montreal Conference on the Medical Aspects of Traffic Accidents. In his report, Dr. Basil Maclean, chairman of the group put forth the following recommendations:

1. First aid courses should be taught in medical schools.

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### Montreal Hospital Roll Call

Contact with twenty-five hospitals on the Island of Montreal produced the following results. Only eleven of the hospitals accepted ambulance cases. Of the eleven, only FOUR hospitals had ambulances on the premises: Hôpital St. Luc, Montreal General

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## The Daily Interviews

### A MEDICAL DIRECTOR

In an attempt to analyse the seriousness of the ambulance situation in Montreal, a director of one of the Royal Victoria Hospital was questioned about ambulance facilities.

Three ambulances are always on call at the hospital in question (Royal Victoria). These do not belong to the hospital itself but are rented from a taxi company. According to our source — and to the drivers themselves — this number is sufficient to cover emergency calls within the vicinity of the hospital. Drivers are experienced, and usually have extensive first aid knowledge. An intern accompanies each ambulance. One ambulance is always parked in front

of the hospital, and as soon as this goes out on call, another is immediately summoned from the garage. Even in heavy traffic, this takes no longer than three minutes.

The necessity of employing sirens is a debatable point. In several large cities an attempt to eliminate sirens has been pushed. However with traffic conditions in Montreal, they are a necessity, even though an ambulance always has the right of way. Some drivers however have a tendency to overdramatize a situation: sometimes the siren has a bad psychological effect upon the patient, though greater usually upon the

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# ATHLETICS NIGHT III TOMORROW

## Western And Varsity Here For Swim Championships

by Harvey Kolodny

Tomorrow evening at 8 pm McGill plays host to the University of Toronto and the University of Western Ontario as the stage is set for the Intercollegiate swimming championships. Toronto's Blues are the defending champs, but those in the know are expecting Western's Mustangs and Mc-

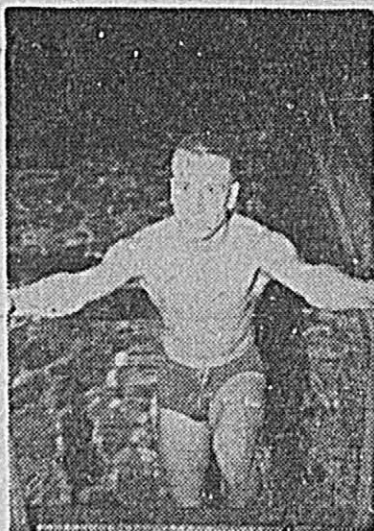
for placing in each event, will be the method of scoring in the meet. The competition between Western and McGill is expected to be so close that even a fourth place finish may have an important bearing on the final outcome. Toronto is not expected to register any firsts in the ten events, while the other two colleges will probably split the blue ribbons.

The 300 yard medley relay, counting six points for a first and three points for second placing, and the 400 yard free style relay with eight and four points for first and second, will probably be the two most important events of the meet. The former is the first event to be run off, and the latter is the last one.

Wearing the Red and White colours in the medley relay will be Lloyd Kishino swimming butterfly, Chris Webber swimming backstroke, and Jerry Anderson in the free style. The 400 free style relay will be made up of Anderson, Charlie Evelyn, Robbie Cook and either Kishino or Peter Cookson. The McGill boys are favoured in these two events.

Western is favoured to take the two free style distance events, the 220 and the 440. However Cook and Cookson in the 220 and Fred Wein-

stein, Roger Fairbairn or Robbie Cook in the 440 may come through with an upset. Eynon of Western seems favoured to take the 200 yard backstroke, while Pete Capelovitch of McGill is expected home first in the 200 yard breaststroke event. Ed Adelson and Chris Webber will be going for McGill in the



Chris Webber

Daily Photo by Alec Schaffer.

former event with Norm Benoit aiding Capelovitch in the latter.

The only other predictions are a first for coach Barry Thompson's boys in the diving, with Jerry Anderson taking the honours and a first for Western in the 200 yard individual medley. Kishino and Weinstein will be going in this race, however, and Western may be well surprised to find a McGill bathing suit beating them to the finish line.

The remaining two events may well go either way. Last years winning time for the 50 yards free style race was 25.1 records. Both McGill and Western swimmers have covered the distance in 25.0 to date, and the results of this race should prove interesting. This applies to the 100 yards free style race as well, where swimmers of both teams have beaten last years winning time of 56.0. Charlie Evelyn will swim for McGill in both these events, with Ed Adelson or Bernie Toporowski accompanying him in the 50 and Peter Cookson or Robbie Cook joining him in the hundred.

### INTRAMURAL SPORTS

#### Extramural Festival

Intramural champions from Sir George Williams College, Macdonald College, College Militaire Royal and McGill University will compete for the Extramural Championship Shield on Wednesday, February 29th, at 7:30 sharp, at the Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Gymnasium.

Competitions will include Basketball, Volleyball, Swimming and Rifle. All colleges have hopes to make a strong bid for championship laurels.

McGill's power will come mainly from the faculties of Medicine and Engineering, as it is hoped that the Tridents championship Volleyball team and the Med. 2 'A' championship Basketball team will participate. Members from the Rifle and Pistol Club and Intramural swimming champions are also expected to compete.

#### Squash Tournament Final

Friday, February 24th—6 pm — Ct. 1—Currie vs. Budge.

## GYMSTRAVAGANZA

The Gymstravaganza, which will take place in the main gym, is a giant gymnastics show composed of gym exhibitions by members of McGill's Intercollegiate championship team, and a number of precision dances staged by members of the School of Physical Education. Several of the Montreal area's leading gymnasts will also be in attendance to round out the show.

This is the first time that a show of this type has been attempted at McGill, and observers have been very favourably impressed with the results of the practices to date.

The show will also give observers a chance to get a good look at the championship Redmen team in action. Kenny Marshall who was awarded a trophy for the best all-around collegiate gymnast in Canada, and Pete Phippen who was runner-up for the title are two of the performers who will be featured.

### Boxing

The interfaculty boxing championships will also take place at Athletics Night. Boxing Coach Bert Light, who will referee, and judges E. Smith, B. Feron, and J. Halsall, will decide the matches, which will see six college champions crowned. Kolodny and

Blum will contest the 180 lb. title, while Fawcett and Green will fight for the 140 lb. championship, Williams and Puddicambo for the 145 lb. championship, Repole and Carvey for the 150 lb. championship, George and Goudault for the 165 lb. title, and Ozzie Downes and Mike Woolgar for the 175 lb. championship.

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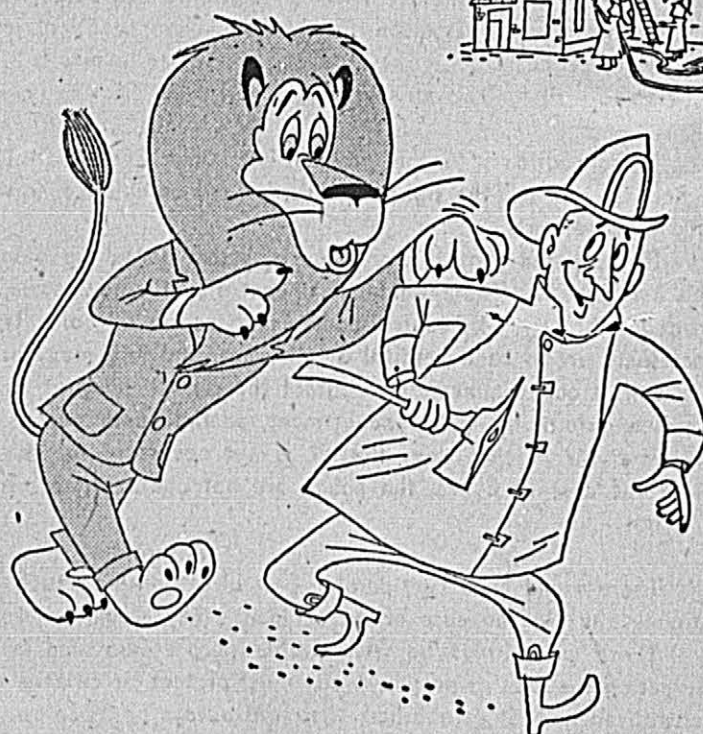
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# PUCKSTERS TO PLAY VARSITY

## McCANN, LINESMAN TO WAGE SCORING DUEL

by Stu Smith

The University of Toronto's high-flying hockey team takes the ice tonight at the Montreal Forum against the rejuvenated McGill Redmen. Game time is set for 8:15.

This game is being pointed to by both teams as a medium for revenge. From the point of view of the Queen City crew, it will afford them an opportunity to avenge the 2-1 setback handed them by the Redmen in their last meeting at Toronto. As far as Rocky Robillard's charges are concerned, this will be the first chance the McGill boys have had to reserve, before a home crowd, a 7-3 Montreal pasting.

The league's hottest scoring combination in recent games, is the Redmen forward line of Brian McCann, Leo Konyk and Dick Baltzan. This trio, by virtue of their recent scoring splurge, has moved into a tie with the Toronto line, led by Ken Linseman, the loop's top scorer. McCann, the flashy Redmen centre, has netted 11 goals and 9 assists so far and holds down second spot in the individual scoring race, two points behind Linseman. Captain Dick Baltzan now leads the league in assists with fifteen, while Leo Konyk, the westerner, with the hardest shot in the intercollegiate group, has steadily been fattening his scoring total.

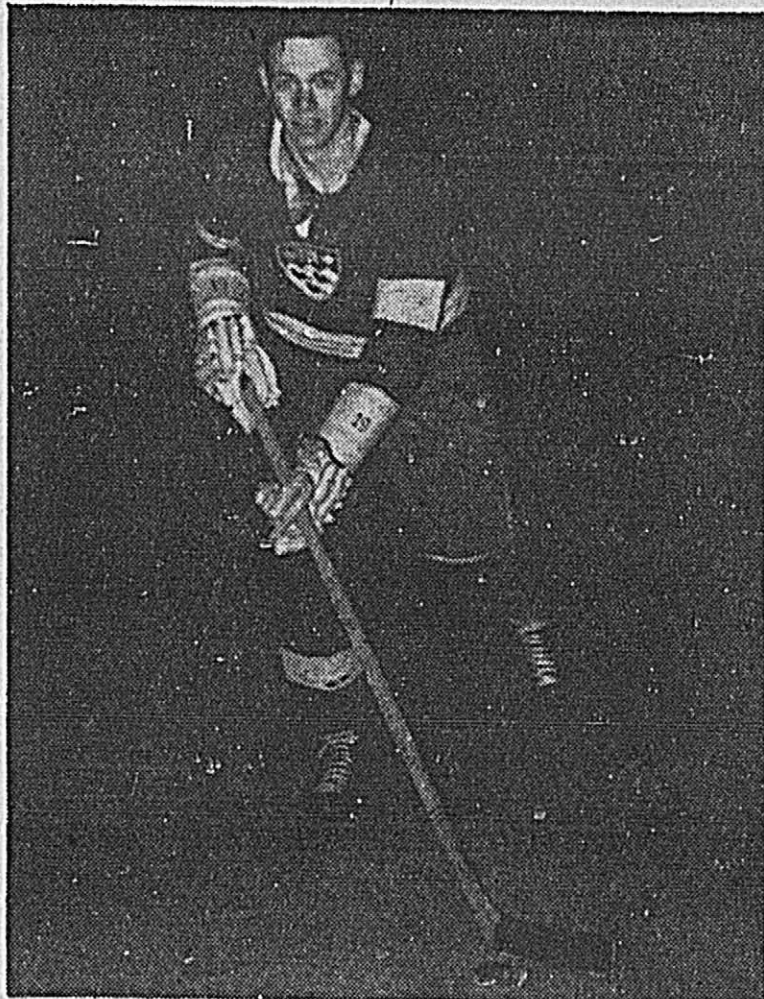
Ross Hughes has been seeing a great deal of action lately as coach Rocky Robillard has seen fit to employ the hard-working forward on both the McCann line and the Peter Constable line in a utility role as well as on the power play

from time to time. Gord Currie, the right winger on the line with Constable and Jackie McMullan, has also shown signs of late that he is headed for a successful season's finish.

The defence pair will consist of Jim Grant and Brian McMullan;

Len Sigurdson and the improved Doug Maule. Dick O'Shaughnessy will perform between the pipes.

Slants . . . The final two home games have finally been rescheduled . . . They were previously slated for the McGill Winter Stadium on Friday evenings . . .



BRIAN McCANN, star of the McGill Redmen in a scoring sense in recent games, will appear in tonight's tilt as the Redmen encounter the Varsity Blues at the Forum at 8:15. Photo by Peter Rehak.

## Wrestlers Compete For Championship

The wrestling team left for London, Ontario yesterday afternoon to compete in the Intercollegiate Championships.

Coach Al Turnbull will take the following men: 123 lbs. Thomas Chan, 130 lbs. Teddy Gurtin, 137 lbs. David O'Hashi, 147 lbs. Bob Rogers and Norm Shakula, 157 lbs. Hubert Stephens, 167 lbs. Bill Goldstone, 177 lbs. Phil Coulter, 191 lbs. Leo Leduc, and in the heavyweight class Merv Shaw.

Last year Ontario Agricultural College won the Championship. Coach Al Turnbull expects both OAC and Western to be strong this year. Leo Leduc, who came second at the Provincial Novice Meet, O'Hashi, Goldstone and Stephens are expected to do well.



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## CAGERS TO PLAY WINLESS GAELS

The Redmen cagers will try to break a five game losing streak tomorrow when they travel to Kingston, Ontario for a game against the winless and hopeless Queen's Golden Gaels.

The Gael's are now firmly established in the league cellar with a 0-8 record. Coach Frank Tindall's youth movement, has obviously not as yet paid any dividends. However, with Joe Anderson's cagers separated from the cellar by only a thin, nebulous line, they may yet appear on the winning side of a score sheet.

The McGill quintet presently possess a 2-6 record and have not won a game since early January when they won over the McMaster Marauders by a 56-55 score. In their only other win of the year, the Redmen carved out a 68-60 decision over the Gaels.

The Queen's squad seem to have improved since their last meeting with the Redmen. The 50 point losses which they incurred at the beginning of the season have di-

minished to a mere thirty or forty points. Their big guns are Jim Harrison with 78 points in six games and Greg Stone, a Montreal boy, who has pumped home 77. Stone played the last game against the Redmen with a broken finger, so his return to good health will add to the Gaels' chances.

Redmen coach Joe Anderson expects to have a full squad dressed for the game except for star center Leon Duplessis who is a doubtful starter. Big Dupe twisted his ankle last week-end in a game against Toronto Varsity.

The rest of the squad have been practising regularly. Lou Gordon, Ozzie Zommers, Finnie Heffernan, George Rosenberg and Don Wright lined up with Sir George Williams Wednesday night in an exhibition game against the MBL All-Stars. The college boys lost by a 67-65 count. Don Wright of the Redmen was outstanding with 13 points and played a hustling all-around game.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

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you see what the students have done? They have followed a policy set down by the university officials. So let us think for one moment before condemning a group we don't know. Then if we still feel her cause is justified and we can help further her education, send her a scholarship or whatever else we want.

Mary Miller.

## A MEDICAL...

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friend or relative who was accompanying the victim.

## Procedure

Only a policeman or doctor is qualified to call an ambulance in the case of an emergency. This seems feasible when the hypothetical case is given of five pedestrians who witness a serious auto collision, and each notify a different hospital. As soon as a person witnesses an accident, he should notify police headquarters immediately.

A radio car will travel to the location of the accident; a qualified officer will determine the extent of injuries and notify the nearest hospital. Regarding the feasibility of having station-wagon type police patrol cars to eliminate this relaying of messages, apparently even a policeman cannot determine at a glance whether the patient may be safely moved. This has led to the dictum that no bystander may touch the patient. It is often more beneficial to the victim to be left lying perfectly still. More deaths have resulted from "helping hands" feeding coffee to accident victims than from a four minute wait for transportation.

## Efficient?

In answer to our query as to whether he considered adequate the present system of notifying the police who in turn notify the ambulance, our source of information offered rebuttal to all complaints of poor service. "I feel our service is efficient", he said. "The citizens who issue complaints are the friends or relatives of the injured party. They are usually emotionally involved in the accident and under great tension. When a father or mother or brother is lying hurt, three minutes seem three hours. Secondly witnesses often stand by aimlessly following an accident, and waste valuable time trying to

## MONTREAL HOSPITAL...

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Hospital, Royal Victoria Hospital, and Hôpital Notre Dame.

The procedure followed by the majority of the other hospitals which accept accident cases is as follows: An ambulance call comes into the hospital. In order for an ambulance to be sent out, the call must come from the police or a doctor connected with the hospital. If the hospital decides to accept the case, they telephone the ambulance servicer, often an undertaker. The ambulance then comes to the hospital to pick up the interns. The ambulance then proceeds to the injured patient.

The following hospitals adopt a procedure such as this: Hôpital Hotel Dieu, Hôpital Ste. Jeanne d'Arc, Hôpital de Sacre Coeur, Verdun General Hospital, Hôpital Maisonneuve, Jewish General Hospital, Hôpital Notre Dame de l'Espérance.

## MONTREAL STAR

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45 minutes before an ambulance arrived.

I was chilled just watching this scene, so you can imagine how serious it was for the poor woman who was bleeding profusely.

I wonder why in a "rich" city like Montreal, where there is talk of spending seven million dollars for a zoo, it is impossible to have enough ambulances to care for accident cases that require immediate hospitalization.

"Disgusted".

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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2. Ambulance organization in cities should be carried out along zone lines. Further studies for more efficiency were recommended.

3. Ambulance services should be coordinated with Civil Defence.

4. Traffic police cars should be changed in favour of station wagon containing stretchers. The traffic police who have passed recognized courses in First Aid should not have to wait for ambulance services.

5. The need for sirens on ambulances is questioned.

6. Improvement in emergency kits in automobiles is recommended.

recall a limited knowledge of first aid. The decreasing number of D.O.A. (dead on arrival) cases would be even lessened if police headquarters were notified instantly."

## FRENCH ELITE...

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too should have an inferiority complex.

If Lord Trash does not, however, sense this inferiority, it follows that there may also be some if not a majority of French-Canadians who are equally deluded. Full realization of this foreign economic dominance might result in a class consciousness or syndicalism general to Canada, not to any particular French — or English-Canadian 'nationalism'.

Finally, Clash speaks of a tendency among the French-Canadians to 'ape English ways'. Surely the ever-growing ties with Paris among the elite, must not be ignored.

Flash notices that some French-Canadians attend English colleges and schools, implying that this is some betrayal of French-Canadian society. Unlike the English-Canadian minority, which chooses to cloister itself

within narrow cultural horizons, we French-Canadians recognized that North America is a continent of diverse cultural strains. We try to take the best from them all. This is exemplified by the fact that many French-Canadian students spend a few weeks in English schools in order to master English language, culture, history, literature, arts

and science. Some take a month or so.

We have observed, on the other hand, that English-Canadians make the attempt to learn French ways and even fewer master the French language — perhaps its renowned 'great logicity' prevents them.

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FOLK MUSIC GROUP: The Youth Singers will be guest artists at 8:30 pm in the Union Clubroom. Everyone is invited to attend.

UKRAINIAN CLUB: A luncheon meeting in the Union clubroom. Guest speaker will be Senator Wm. Wall. All members are urged to attend.

SCM: Morning prayers at 8 am followed by breakfast in the SCM House, 3625 Oxenden Ave. Over in time for 9 o'clock lectures. All are welcome.

SCIENCE-FICTION SOCIETY: Library meeting at 1 pm in the Union Workshop.

FILM SOCIETY: 'Birth of a Nation' 7:30 pm at PSCA. Admission on presentation of Library card.

PRE-MED SOCIETY: Dr. S. Yoffe, Dentist, will speak on 'The Effects of Dentistry on Pregnancy and Childhood Development', at 1 pm. in room 250 of The Biology Bldg.

CHINESE STUDENTS' SOCIETY: A general meeting will be held at 8 pm in the Walter M. Stewart. All Chinese students are urged to attend.

HILLEL: Oneg Shabbat. Hosts: D. Phi E. Sorority. The program will include a discussion on the theme of Purim. Time: 8 pm at Hillel House.

EASTERN ORTHODOX SOCIETY: Sleight-ride 9 pm on Remembrance Rd.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

HUNGARIAN CLUB: Party 8:30 pm. Union Clubroom. Refreshments, free admission, all welcome.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

NEWMAN CLUB: Tony Walsh to speak about his work and experience at the Communion Breakfast 10 am.

CANTERBURY CLUB: Evensong at 7:30 pm in Christ Church Cathedral followed by a meeting in the Herbert Symonds Parish House. Father Hertzler will speak on the Order of Holy Communion in the revised Prayer Book. Refreshments will be served.

UNITARIAN CLUB: Around table discussion on liberal ideas will be held at 4 pm at 3420 Peel St. Tea, coffee will be served.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB: The film, 'Grief, A Peril in Infancy' will be shown at 1 pm in Room 250 of the Biology Building.